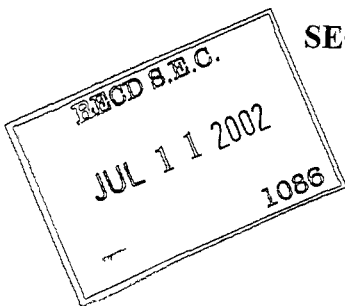




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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For July 11, 2002

Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional
Rua Lauro Müller, 116 - 36º andar
Rio de Janeiro, RJ - Brazil

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No X

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

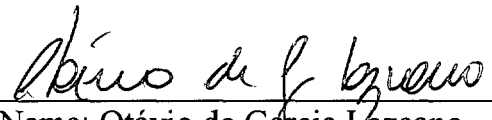
The attached material is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 13a-16 and Form 6-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Report contains an English translation of a “Fato Relevante” acknowledging that the registrant has been conducting negotiations with Corus Group plc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional

By: 
Name: Otávio de Garcia Lazcano
Title: Principal Financial Officer

Dated: July 11, 2002

IMPORTANT FACT

In compliance with Official Letter CVM/SEP/GEA-2/No.371/2002, of July 10, 2002, **COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**, a business corporation, with headquarters situated at Rua Lauro Müller, 116, 36th floor and suites 3402 and 3702, in the city of Rio de Janeiro - RJ, registered in the National Roll of Legal Entities – CNPJ – under No. 33.042.730.0001-04, hereby explains that, pursuant to its published internationalization strategy, it has held discussion with Corus Group plc, a metallurgic group with headquarters in London, England ("Corus"), aiming to a possible combination of the operations. No contract has been executed yet between CSN and Corus for such purpose. If, however, at a certain moment, these negotiations are successful, we will timely inform the market.

Rio de Janeiro, July 10, 2002

Antonio Mary Ulrich
Executive Officer of Investor Relations